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ACQUISITION OF LAND
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the acquisition of land for the purposes of cantonment and other defence related activities is done keeping in view of the future prospects;

(b) if so, whether after the completion of acquisition work it is found that a large area of land remained _inalized_;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that big bunglows of officers are being constructed on unutilized land to justify the acquisition of land;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Government has constituted any board or committee to prepare guidelines for acquiring land; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Acquisition of land for defence related activities is done keeping in view the present and future requirements.

(b) & (c): No land is acquired more than the requirement and authorization. However, since funds for executing various planned projects are not available in bulk, some of the areas which are otherwise zoned for various units/installations remain vacant, possibly giving an impression that the land is being unutilized.

(d) No, Sir. All the constructions on defence land are being done as per "The Scales of Accommodation Rule, 1983".

(e) Does not arise.

(f) & (g): Guidelines/norms already exist for acquisition of land for Defence purposes. Requirement of land is established by a board of officers and acquisition is done based on laid down rules and procedures.